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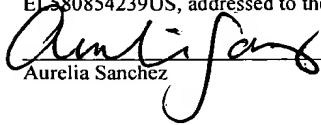
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the following preliminary amendment.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please AMEND claims 3-6, 8-10, 12 and 14-16 as follows: